

New Application
Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-8 are pending in the present application.

This application is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/971,611, filed on October 9, 2001.

The substitute Sequence Listing (submitted herewith) for the instant application is identical to the computer-readable Sequence Listing in parent application Serial No. 09/971,611 filed December 31, 2001. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed on December 31, 2001 is appended herewith as the substitute Sequence Listing. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821 (e), Applicants have requested that the Patent Office use the last filed computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application. In the event the Office encounters difficulty in obtaining a copy of the Sequence Listing from the parent application, Applicants request that the office contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone.

Applicants further note that the application and claims have been amended to reflect the new numbering of the sequences in the substitute Sequence Listing. In addition, the claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the submission of the substitute Sequence Listing and the amendments herein.

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Applicant submits that the application is now ready for examination on the merits, and
early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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